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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire  
Chief Clerk & Administrator  
Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Application of Carolina Water Service, Incorporated for Approval of a Franchise Agreement between Carolina Water Service, Incorporated and York County, South Carolina  
**Docket No. 2018-74-WS**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

On March 2, 2018, Carolina Water Service, Incorporated ("CWS") filed with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") an Application for Approval of a Franchise Agreement between CWS and York County, South Carolina ("Application") whereby CWS requested that the Commission approve a Franchise Agreement ("Agreement") with York County and authorize CWS to recover all payments, fees and charges agreed to in the Agreement. On April 27, 2018, the Commission placed this matter on its Utilities Agenda to be voted on by the Commission during the week of April 30, 2018. Upon review of the Application and communication with a CWS representative, ORS has determined that this matter warrants additional inquiry. Therefore, ORS respectfully requests that the Commission hold the matter in abeyance while ORS further investigates the potential costs of the agreement including impacts to ratepayers.

Sincerely,

Andrew M. Bateman

Encl.

cc: All Parties of Record (via U.S. Mail and E-Mail)  
Joseph Melchers, Esquire (via E-Mail)